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February 2007 Newsletter

Shiver-me-timbers Greetings!

It is chilling how chilly it is, but our next meeting will warm the cockles of your heart when on Monday, February 26, at 7:30 pm, at the Somerset County Library, Alka Dalal, one of our own RVAA members, will be demonstrating One-Stroke Painting for us in Meeting Room C (we're back to the large rooms). Alka had self taught One-Stroke Painting techniques 5 years ago. Her work has been displayed several times, and has been selling. Alka received her one stroke certification 2 years ago and has been doing demos and teaching since then. You will certainly want to see how to do this since it is a method which in some aspects can really be used in several media—from acrylic to oil to watercolor. Dorothy Varrone will be our Hospitality and Refreshment provider then. Thank you, Dorothy!

At January's meeting we learned a lot about all the work that goes into making a children's picture book as we followed the progress from first concept sketches to a finished "dummy" with graphic artist Ken Schwarz. Doug Axmann baked pumpkin cake, apple cake, and brownies for us all! Thanks, Doug!

Treasurer Barbara Fiorentino had all the checks for us from the Holiday Show and Sale at the library in December. Thank you, Barbara! With over \$1700. dollars brought in from the sale of our paintings, the library will receive over \$170. Twelve artists sold works (out of 19 participating). As usual, smaller price works sold especially well, but we also had sales of \$125, \$140, \$150, and \$200.

Debbie Hughes has once again volunteered to run our great trip to the **BIG APPLE**, which we will take on Saturday, April 28th, and we thank Debbie for this! Please put this on your calendar—our trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art (uptown) and the American Watercolor Society Show at the Salmagundi Club (downtown). The price and the art and the company cannot be better. Look for details and a form in our March Newsletter.

The big news now is from **Chairwoman Thelma Canty**. (Thank you for doing all the work, Thelma!) Thelma has the following information on our big show at the Jewish Community Center.

The MARCH INTO SPRING ART SHOW AT THE JCC

775 Talamimi Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

908.725.6994 contact Joanna Drogy

908.874.8241 Thelma Canty RVAA contact

March 6th between 10-2 deliver paintings to the JCC, we will accept up to two paintings per member. **Entry fee is \$10.00 per painting, checks are to be made out to RVAA. Joan McKinney will be our judge and select the paintings that will hang in the show. The walls can hold about 30 pieces, depending on the sizes of the works. All paintings not hung will be picked up on March 11 at 2:00 (at the reception)**

Opening date is March 8th and the Reception is March 11th at 2:00

The show will hang from March 8th until April 10th. All unsold paintings must be picked up between 11-2:00 on April 11th, unless you have made special arrangements. Please be advised that the JCC will handle the sale of the paintings, taking a 20% fee.

The form for the show is at the end of the Newsletter.

Ken Bernhard announced that there is a special Exhibition of Maritime Artwork sponsored by the American Society of Maritime Artists and the Colorado Springs Harbor Whaling Museum, which will be hosted by the Art League of Long Beach Island from April 2-May 14. For further info, please call Ken at 908/722-5363.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

ELSA HERRMANN will be in a show entitled “Women Artists of Ocean County” at the Lakewood Public Library, Lakewood, NJ during the month of March. Elsa had a one-woman show of her oil paintings at the Lavallette Public Library in December, and in November her one-woman show of oils was in the Point Pleasant Borough Library. In the Fall Members’ Show of the Ocean County Artists’ Guild, Elsa won the American Artists Professional League Award for an oil painting entitled “Lavender Shadows.”

PLEASE MAIL OR EMAIL ME YOUR NEWS. Inquiring minds want to know what you are doing.

ENTRY FORM FOR THE JCC ART SHOW MARCH 8 THRU APRIL 10TH

NAME _____

membership dues must be paid

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL if available _____

check for \$10:00 for each painting hung, max two pieces per member

The JCC will handle all sales and deduct 20% fee. If the painting is not for sale please mark NFS. All frames must be in good condition and ready to hang.

RVAA members are responsible for insurance covering their art work.

Receiving date is March 6th, between 10-2:00, all paintings not juried into the show will be called and the paintings can be picked up by March 11 at the reception.

Any questions please contact Thelma Canty, 908.874.8241 or e-mail buttonsale@aol.com

Painting #1

Painting #2

Title_____

Title_____

Medium_____

Medium_____

Price_____

Price_____